

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Examiner found that claims 6, 7, 14, 18-20, 27, 30, 33, 34, 41, 49, and 53-55 would be allowed if written in independent form and continued to reject claims 1-5, 8-13, 15-17, 21-26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 35-40, 43-48, 50-52, and 56-58 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102(e)) over prior art.

Applicants amended claims 1, 24, and 36 to include the requirements of allowable claims 6, 27, and 41 to place these claims in condition for allowance. Applicants note that claim 27, whose requirements were added to claim 24 depends from intervening claim 25. However, the requirements of intervening claim 25 were not added to claim 24 because similar allowable claims 6 and 41, depend directly from the base claims to which their requirements were added.

Applicants amended claims 7, 20, and 55 to depend from amended claims 1, 11, and 46, respectively.

Applicants amended claims 11, 28, and 46 to include the requirements of allowable claims 19, 34, and 54, respectively.

Applicants amended allowable claims 18, 33, and 53 to include the requirements of allowable claims 11 and 15, 28 and 31, and 46 and 50, respectively

Applicants canceled claims 6, 30, 14, 19, 27, 30, 34, 41, 49, and 54.

Applicants submit herewith the fee for the claim amendments. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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